

## FRANCE CLAIMS GREAT OVERCHARGES BY AMERICAN RAILROADS IN WAR

Government Files With Interstate Commerce a Series of Complaints Against Various Lines and Against Director-General

OVER \$300,000 IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN

France Asks From Director-General the Sum of \$116,528 for Alleged Overcharges on Iron and Steel Shipments to Various Parts in the United States

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—The French government filed with the interstate commerce commission today a series of complaints against various railroads and the director general asking a return of alleged overcharges on shipments of war munitions aggregating more than \$300,000.

From the director general as operating chief of the Boston & Maine lines during the war, France asked \$116,528 for alleged overcharges resulting from iron and steel shipments to various parts and storage.

EIGHT MEN HELD AFTER PISTOL DUEL

Following Attempt to Extort \$25,000 from Wealthy Los Angeles Business Man.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 15.—Eight men, arrested after a pistol fight in which many shots were fired, are being held here today by federal agents, charged with conspiracy to extort \$25,000 from a wealthy Los Angeles business man whose name was withheld. A ninth man, thought to have been wounded, escaped.

The officers believe they have broken up a ring which has been extorting money from many business men here by sending letters threatening death if they did not comply with its demands. One business man obtained the authorities and a plant was arranged.

One federal agent said it was possible the arrests might lead to a clue to the murderer of William Desmond Taylor, film director.

MACK SENNETT QUESTIONED.

But Without Results to Aid Investigation of Taylor's Death.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 15.—Search for clues as to the murderer of William Desmond Taylor, film director, was questioned by a representative of the district attorney, but without results, it is announced. Sennett said he would be glad to aid the authorities in every way.

Rewards totaling \$4500 have been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer.

LOCOMOBILE CO. TO CONTINUE.

Despite Receivership, and There Will Be No Disturbance of Business.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 15.—Operation of the plant of the Locomobile Co. here despite the receivership, it was officially stated by the management today. So far as internal affairs of the company are concerned, it was further stated there will be no disturbance of the routine of the business. This is due largely to appointment of men within the organization to the positions of receivers in the various federal districts.

The Locomobile company operates branches in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Ancillary receivers have been instituted in each federal district where its properties exist.

AMERICAN DANCES BANNED.

With Exception of One-Step by the Polish Government.

Warsaw, Feb. 15.—The "shimmy," the "scandal" and even the fox trot are anathema to the Polish government. All American dances with the exception of the one-step were prohibited by official order at the annual military ball held recently.

## N. E. M. P. A. COMMITTEE ON POOLING PLANS

Dr. George R. Little of Schaghticoke, N. Y., Heads Committee—Frank L. Edwards of Vermont a Member.

Boston, Feb. 15.—The New England Milk Producers' association announced today the committee that will draw up the pooling plan for producers authorized at the association's recent annual meeting. The committee follows: Dr. George R. Little of Schaghticoke, N. Y., president of the association; State Senator Charles E. Hough of Hartford, Conn., president of the Connecticut Milk Producers' association; R. L. Bradford, manager of the Turner Center creameries, Auburn, Me.; John S. Murdoch of Providence, R. I., general counsel for the New England association; George M. Putnam of Concord, N. H., president of the New Hampshire farm bureau federation; and Frank L. Edwards, sales manager of the Vermont Federated Creameries. A meeting of the association will be called when the committee is ready to report.

## THREE BID AGAINST FORD ON MUSCLE SHOALS

Alabama Power Co. Is the Latest to File Offer with Secretary Weeks.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15 (By the Associated Press).—Another offer for purchase and lease of the government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was completed today and arrangements made by its sponsors, the Alabama Power company, for immediate filing with Secretary Weeks. The offer was tendered by Thomas Martin, acting for the Alabama Power company, of which he is president, and with its submission the total number of proposals received by the government for its war-surplus properties in Alabama was brought to four. The new offer is expected to be transmitted soon by Secretary Weeks to Congress, which has before it the offer of Henry Ford.

## BETHEL

Very Bright Outlook for Future of the Congregational Church—Plans Made.

Last Sunday evening, the members and business committee of the Congregational church met the pastor, Rev. Albert B. Christy, in consultation over plans for reorganizing the work. Charles Billings and Guy W. Merrill were elected deacons for five years. W. R. Briggs and E. P. Fisher were elected ushers. Miss Elizabeth Gondele, Miss Helen Brooks and Dr. G. L. Abbott were asked to make a canvass of the young people to see if they would form a Christian Endeavor society and on what night they would prefer to meet. The church members reported that the church should take the Sunday morning offering and that the congregation should be asked to rise and stand during the prayer of consecration, thus making it an act of united worship. The pastor was asked to revive the custom of having a preparatory service on the Friday evening preceding the 10-monthly communion. He was also asked to prepare and put up in public places notice of his topics for Sunday mornings.

Mrs. E. F. Fuller gave a report of a conference on evangelism at White River Junction, Feb. 4, and which she was sent as a delegate. This led to a proposition from the pastor that he and his wife should visit Easter Sunday as the date of their reception into the church membership and that the members should endeavor to secure at least 50 new members on occasion of the church year.

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The Sunday school is increasing so fast that 60 new sittings have been ordered and double the number of Sunday school papers are being printed.

The attendance last Sunday morning was the largest of the year. Mr. Christy's topic next Sunday morning will be "Who Was Jesus and Why Did He Come and Suffer?"

Robert G. Gilpin has bought the Quincy house at Enosburg Falls and has taken possession. He will conduct the hotel, which is well established and was owned and conducted the last nine years by L. H. Croft. Mr. Gilpin moves his family to his new home. He was a member of the Bascom house last year.

Miss Katherine Angesen, superintendent of teacher-training classes, Sept. P. O. Noon and Miss Beale Graves held a conference on school matters yesterday.

Dance, Bethel town hall, Thursday evening; Carrol's orchestra—adv.

Not Ever.

Roscoe (to Sambo, in an undertone)—I ain't the man I water was. Time was when I could whip the of woman in a fair, stan' up fight.

The Old Woman (sighing)—You're a liar, Roscoe Johnson. Time was, time was, at that time ain't gonna to wait—Nashville Tennessee.

## COLLINS GETS FREEDOM FOR 15

Head of Irish Provisional Government Hopes for More Liberations

OF UNIONISTS WHO WERE KIDNAPPED

Secretary Winston Churchill Announced in House of Commons

London, Feb. 15. (By the Associated Press).—Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government has obtained the release of fifteen of the Ulster Unionists recently kidnapped. It was announced in the House of Commons today by Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies.

Mr. Collins hoped that more of the prisoners would be liberated during the day, the secretary added.

## COLLINS ENCOURAGED BY AMERICAN REPORT

That 85 Per Cent of American Association for Recognition of Irish Republic Is Back of Him.

London, Feb. 15.—Receipt of the following cablegram from the United States was announced today by Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government:

"Eighty-five per cent of the membership of the American Association for Recognition of the Irish Republic is firmly behind yourself and Griffith."

The message was signed by Dr. Patrick M. Donovan, sixth district New York state.

Mr. Collins replied expressing appreciation of this support.

## MADE WHOLLY IN IRELAND.

Uniforms of Irish Free State Soldiers Being Manufactured.

Belfast, Feb. 15.—The uniforms of the Irish Free State soldiers will be entirely Irish made. They will be of gray-green material. Orders have been placed with the Irish co-operative clothing manufacturing society.

A droghda factory is making material for coat linings, sleeve linings are being made in Carr, while the manufacture of buttons, a new Irish industry, is proceeding in Dublin.

Shirts, socks, and all other general equipment also will be wholly Irish products.

## MILITARY OPENED FIRE

On Outbreak of Disorders in Belfast Street.

Belfast, Feb. 15. (By the Associated Press).—After a period of quiet for several hours, disorders again broke out in this city at three o'clock this afternoon when shooting began in the Stanhope street area near the barracks. The military promptly opened fire.

## SNOW STORM IN NEW YORK.

Soon Turned Into Sleet—About Six Inches of Snow Fell.

New York, Feb. 15.—The rasping sound of the snow falling against the pavement predominated over all other noises in New York today as the metropolis started to dig itself out of nearly half a foot of snow. The snow, which commenced falling at 4:30 o'clock, turned into sleet four hours later.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Before the Spaulding-Hanover game starts to-night, two of the strongest teams of the eighth grades of the city schools will compete for basketball honors. That athletics is a popular course in the public schools is indicated by the fact that there are fifteen or more teams in the eighth grade, all of them striving hard for the championship of their grade.

## MONTPELIER

Miss Adelaide Trachout gave a Valentine party last night for her young-

ster sister, Winifred, at her home on Spring street. Seven guests were entertained with games, dancing and card playing. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The decorations of the room and table were suited to the day, as were the favors. Eleanor Hunt won first prize in games and Miss Handcock won the beauty prize.

## MAY PAY BONUS ON OTHER CUTS

With Short Term Treasury Certificates to Make Up Balance

## HARDING OPPOSES TAXES AND BONDS

President Is Preparing Letter Setting Forth His Opinion

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—With President Harding known to oppose both additional taxes and a bond issue, Republican leaders of the House began casting about today for other means of financing the soldiers' bonus.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming during a visit to the White House said pending appropriation bills, particularly those for the navy and army, would be scrutinized carefully with a view to slashes that would provide a good measure of the money needed. It was his thought that any deficiency could be made up through issue of short term treasury certificates.

Mr. Mondell did not see President Harding, who was understood to be preparing a letter to Chairman Mc-Clumber of the Senate finance committee, setting forth his views against the suggested eight point program and an issue of five-year treasury notes.

A short term note issue to provide funds for the bonus apparently still was uppermost to-day in the mind of some of the senators dealing with the problem but they were keeping an open mind until they had received the president's letter. It is understood, however, that all of them did not share the administration's views as to the probable effect of such an issue on the refunding operation of the government.

## ABERDEEN STONECUTTERS FACE LOWER WAGES

Several Firms Have Given Notice of Reduction—Business Very Slack.

Aberdeen, Scotland, Feb. 15.—German competition is even cutting into the tombstone business and thereby affecting the granite trade which is one of Aberdeen's leading industries. Large English cities are reported to be buying tombstones and even war memorials from Germany at rates that are substantially cheaper than Aberdeen granite firms can produce them while paying present wages.

American wholesale agents who once bought large quantities of Aberdeen granite also are reported to have purchased German-made headstones from Germany, thereby being manufacturing from Scandinavian granite.

In consequence there has been a great slump in orders received here for tombstones and mortuary memorials. Many Aberdeen granite firms have notified their workmen of an impending cut in wages.

## WAS SICK THREE YEARS.

Paul Christofolletti of Barre Died Today.

Paul Christofolletti died at 11 o'clock today at his home, 2 Webster avenue, after being in ill health for three years. He was born in Cremona, Italy, July 13, 1867, the son of Gaspare and Maria Moretti Christofolletti, and he has lived in Barre 19 years, being employed as a granite cutter. He was married 23 years ago, to Annetta Antonini, and she survives him, together with three daughters and one son, as follows: Maria Ferri of Framingham, Mass.; Ida Bottalico of Montpelier, Theresa Conedera of Barre and Alfredo of Groton. He also leaves one brother, Amelio, in Italy. He was a member of the G. C. I. A. and of the Montpelier Red Men.

The funeral arrangements have not been made.

## BATES CO-EDS DON'T SMOKE.

According to Statement of Acting Dean Lena N. Niles.

Lewiston, Me., Feb. 15.—The 250 co-eds at Bates college will not tolerate smoking among their number, the acting dean of women, Lena N. Niles, told the Associated Press today. It was unnecessary to enforce rules prohibitive of women smoking, she said, because the co-eds themselves were strongly opposed to it. Miss Niles added that she did not approve of smoking among women because it was expensive and unnecessary.

## KILLED BY FALLING TREE.

Rolla Abell of Northern Vermont Was the Victim.

St. Albans, Feb. 15.—Rolla Abell was instantly killed on his farm six miles north of this city yesterday afternoon by a falling tree. He had been in the woods all day chopping with his brother-in-law. He was about 35 years old and is survived by his wife, an infant son; one brother, Winfred, and one sister, Glenna, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Abell.

## ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF.

Thomas G. Dearborn Succeeds George A. Tracy, Resigned.

Governor James Hartness has appointed Thomas G. Dearborn as sheriff of Orange county to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff George A. Tracy, who recently resigned. It is understood that Mr. Tracy begins his new duties as chief of police at Bellows Falls today so that it is probable that Mr. Dearborn will begin his duties today also.

## \$30,000 FIRE AT NEWPORT.

Botling Works Wiped Out—Family Fled in Night Clothes.

Newport, Feb. 15.—Loss of \$20,000 was incurred when fire early yesterday morning destroyed the three and a half story block of the Memphremagog Botling Works owned by Milan Gady & Son. A barn and garage also lost. Heroic work saved other nearby buildings which were threatened by sparks.

An overheated flue is believed to have caused the fire. A family occupying an upper floor was obliged to flee in their night clothes.

Stock, apparatus, and contents of a general store were insured for \$14,000. The Botling Works, Ralph Dustin lost a Reo car valued at \$1,400 and John Roque a truck trailer worth \$700. A fireman at the risk of suffocation dashed into the building and rescued a sewing machine in the wreckage of which \$200 had been consigned. Harold Young, another fireman, was hit on the head by a falling brick and was badly cut.

John Roque went into the store and saved the cash drawer. The fire was made hard and dangerous because of the extreme cold, ladders being thickly coated with ice.

Only the front of the building remains standing, and covered with ice looks like an ice palace.

## WATERBURY THIEVES ARE SENTENCED

Fred Rowell Goes to State Prison and Harry Marshall and Leo Barlow Go on Probation.

Fred Rowell of Waterbury was sentenced to a term of from three to five years in state's prison at Wind-sor by Judge W. A. Lord in Montpelier city court this morning on a plea of guilty to burglary. Rowell in company with Harry Marshall and Leo Barlow, broke into the Lamb store in Waterbury last September. Marshall and Barlow also pleaded guilty and were each sentenced to a prison term of from eighteen months to three years and also to pay a fine of \$50 and costs which amounted to \$9.65 in Marshall's case and \$8.90 in Barlow's case.

The prison sentence for the latter two was suspended on the condition that they be placed on probation. They are to pay the fine and costs to the state probation officers in installments. Marshall at the rate of \$2 per week and Barlow at the rate of \$10 per month. Both Marshall and Barlow are first offenders. Rowell, however, had been in the army at Ft. Ethan Allen last December.

## TEXTILE STRIKE SHOWS "NO CHANGE"

Pickets Patrolled Their Beats in Snowstorm—Gov. Souci Visits Textile Centers in Rhode Island.

Boston, Feb. 15.—Reports of "no change" came today from the New England textile centers where strikes are in progress against wage reductions, coupled in New Hampshire and Rhode Island with restoration of the 44-hour week. Pickets patrolled their beats in a thick northeast snowstorm.

It was pay day for some of the 15,000 operatives employed at the Ameskeag cotton mills at Manchester, N. H., and for several days the plants, which shut down on Monday because of the strike, will be paying off their striking employees.

At Lowell, Mass., the Ray State Cotton corporation's mill was running with between 500 and 600 operatives. Union leaders said it was a question of how long the mills could continue without the loom fixers, all of whom they claimed have joined the strikers.

The Rhode Island situation was reported without change. Governor Sanford was back in Providence after a tour of the Pawtucket valley district, where he said he found conditions satisfactory, but the troops were still held ready for service.

## MANY FRIENDS ATTENDED

Funeral of Dino Poletti, Held at His Home.

The funeral of Dino Poletti, who died at his home at 12 Howard street Sunday evening, was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the house. A large gathering of friends from the Italian colony and relatives, including a large floral tribute was evident of the esteem in which Mr. Poletti was held.

The pall bearers at the funeral were Amelio and Louis Falcetti, Mario and Cesare Poletti, Peter Crugnola and Charles Patti.

Those present from out of town who attended the service were Mario and Cesare Poletti and Amelio Falcetti from Milford, N. H.; Charles Patti of Bethel, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gaston and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaston, all of Waterbury.

A list of the floral tributes is as follows: Wreath, mother; wreath, son; wreath, Union Co-operative store; wreath, Cugini Poletti; wreath, Dino Valti; wreath, Fanciulla Poletti; wreath, I. Bedoni; carnations, Peter Crugnola and son, John Rosso, N. Ber-gamini; Mrs. R. Calderara, Giacchino brothers, First Baptist church, Mr. and Mrs. V. Vanetti, Mr. and Mrs. D. Salvador, Fanciulla Poletti, and family; Guy Ottalini and family; Paul Simonetta and family; Mrs. Angel Cechini and Leo Spagnoli and Fred Gervasi.

## BANK NOTE CASE ARGUED.

Barton Savings Bank Vs. Helen and H. M. Bickford.

This morning arguments were made in Vermont supreme court in the Orleans county case of Barton Savings Bank Trust company vs. Helen and H. M. Bickford. This is an alleged breach of contract concerning the payment of a note, in which there was a general verdict and special verdict against S. M. Bickford, to which the plain-tiff took exceptions and the case came to the higher court for decision of legal points.

## BOSTON LOSES MAIN CONTRACT

But Will Get Painting Job on the Liner Leviathan

## NEWPORT NEWS GETS MOST OF WORK

Big Giant of Sea Will Steam to Boston for Finishing Touches

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—The contract for reconditioning the giant liner Leviathan was formally awarded by the shipping board today to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company.

The Boston navy yard, while losing out on the contract award for the reconditioning of the Leviathan, will come in at the windup as, when the contractors finish their part, the Leviathan will steam to the Boston navy yard, where she will go in drydock to have her hull painted. The cost of this will be \$191,000, which is included in the total cost of \$8,200,000.

## ROBINSON NOT A CANDIDATE.

Not to Run for City Clerk—Charles W. Averill Out for Alderman.

With the citizens' caucus scarcely more than 24 hours away and with only a little more than 48 hours intervening before the ward caucuses there is virtual standstill as far as the number of candidates for various offices is concerned. No candidates, besides Aldermen Keast and Shield, have appeared for the nomination for mayor and it seems probable that they will be the only ones presented at the opera house Thursday evening for that nomination.

Positive declaration to-day by Frank E. Robinson, formerly assistant post-master, that he is not a candidate for city clerk and treasurer. The name of James Smart, the present incumbent.

The complete dearth of avowed candidates for alderman in the second ward, following the announcement of the withdrawal of Maurice C. Watkins, was replaced today by a candidacy in the ward six caucus by friends of Charles W. Averill. Mr. Averill had consented to stand as a candidate for the nomination. Mr. Averill is a lifelong resident of Barre and is at the head of the mercantile firm of C. W. Averill & Co.

A contest in the ward six caucus is assumed through the entry of A. H. Lund as a candidate for alderman. Mr. Lund is a resident of Prospect street and is quite well known in Barre. Alderman T. C. McCarthy will be a candidate for re-nomination.

## Women May Vote in the Caucus

Women voters are privileged to vote in the citizens' and ward caucuses this week, even though their names are not on the checklist. In Vermont women are now required to pay poll taxes. Hence it follows that every woman citizen of Barre, who paid a poll tax in 1921, will have a right to vote in the city and ward caucuses.

It is expected that the citizens' caucus, called for Thursday evening, Feb. 16, and the ward caucuses called for the evening of the 17th, will be largely attended by women as well as by men voters.

Women who expect to exercise the franchise should remember, however, that after the caucuses they must see that their names are on the checklist before they can vote at the annual March meeting. Meetings of the board of civil authority will be held in the city court room on the 16th, 23d, 24th days of February and the 1st, 2d and 3d days of March.

Those whose names are not already on the checklist.

## DIED AT AGE OF 68.

Mrs. Emily Colby Was Born in Corinth.

Mrs. Emily (Merrill) Colby of 218 Washington street, one of Barre's oldest residents, passed away yesterday afternoon at 1:10 o'clock, after an illness of only a week. Mrs. Colby was perfectly well until last week when she was taken ill with pneumonia, and was considered very active and capable for a woman of her advanced years.

The deceased born in Corinth on the date of September 23, 1853, to Thomas E. and Mary (Crosby) Merrill. Her twenty years of her life were spent in that vicinity. Previous to her marriage to Emerson E. Colby of East Orange on the 29th day of October, 1874, she was employed as a school teacher in the last named place. After her marriage she made her home in East Orange, where she resided for about 45 years.

She was affiliated with the Baptist church of that town and was a regular attendant there. Her husband died about 37 years ago. Mrs. Colby moved to Barre 23 years ago and had made this city her home ever since. Besides her son, Charles M. Colby of East Orange, she leaves four grandchildren, Edson, Helen and Bertha Colby of East Orange, the latter two being students at Spaulding high school, and Miss Velma Coffin of Washington street with whom she made her home, and two step-sons, Henry H. and Edson E. Colby. She is also survived by two step-grandchildren, Mrs. Harry Hodgson of this city and Mrs. Pearl Lander of Montpelier. A daughter, Jennie Coffin, and a son, Frank, died several years ago, while a third child, Mary Emma, died in infancy.

## PLAN NEW STONESHED.

Frank Dehitteto and Pironi Bros. Buy Site of E. N. Rock.

E. N. Rock who bought property of South Main street recently for the purpose of constructing a stonemason's shop, yesterday in Frank Dehitteto and Pironi Bros., and it is the intention of the purchasers to erect a manufacturing plant on the property during the coming season, a building project having been transferred to them from Mr. Rock. The latter has not decided what he will do but thinks it possible that he may build a stonemason's shop in South Barre.

## SPLENDID CHURCH REPORTS

On Various Activities at Hedding Methodist Church.

The fourth quarterly conference of Hedding Methodist church was held on Monday evening, Feb. 13. The reports of the various organizations demonstrated that the church is thoroughly alive in all its departments.

The Epworth league reported an increase of thirty in membership during the year. Twenty young people volunteered to read at least one book on missions and six book reviews have been given at the league services. Ten decisions for the Christian life and service were reported in the Epworth church work services. About \$40 has been raised to send delegates to the Epworth league institute next June. Twenty-five dollars have been pledged to support a mission worker in China. The Epworth league now has sixty-eight members.

The Sunday school reported splendid progress. The formation of a number of new organized classes has greatly increased the interest in the intermediate department. The general average in attendance for the whole school is about twenty-five above last year. This time two hundred and twelve dollars have been raised for missions thus far during this year by the school.

The ladies and pastor's union has had the most successful year in its history and has been of great aid to the church in furnishing wholesome social life and in giving financial assistance to many worthy causes. At the beginning of the financial year there was a balance on hand of \$262.63. The earnings for the year were \$1,300.35, making the total receipts \$1,562.98. Among the disbursements are \$200 for a roof fund, \$200 to the finance committee of the church; \$160, parsonage repairs; about \$200 on church repairs; \$100 for centenary missions; \$50 for flowers for the sick and shut-ins; with a balance on hand of \$106.02. Great credit is due to the efficient leadership of Mrs. C. H. Kenson, former president, and the loyal co-operation of all members.

The women's foreign missionary society reported a membership of eighty-four. Their total outlay for missions during their fiscal year was \$250. The budget for the new year calls for an increase of twenty per cent over last year and the women are optimistic regarding their ability to raise the extra \$50.

The women's home missionary society reported a membership of forty-four. The society contributed \$192 to North Barre mission during the year. But the total outlay for home missions from this organization was \$250. The budget for the new year calls for an outlay of \$250 for a scholarship for one of our own young women in the Kansas City training school, besides the money contributed to North Barre mission.

During the last quarter the pastor of the church received twelve young people into probationary membership. These, with others received on a previous occasion, will be received into full membership on Easter Sunday. The class for full membership promises to total about thirty.

Up to day the church has contributed to the centenary this year (exclusive of the Sunday school), \$14,455. This brings the grand total of benevolences to date (for for causes outside the local church) to \$2,165. But the spring conference is still two months away and several hundred dollars will be added to this total.

At the close of the business session, a unanimous vote was passed regarding the return of the pastor, Rev. B. G. Lipky, for the seventh year.

## ROBERT E. MURPHY.

Well-Known Barre Man Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon.

Robert E. Murphy, a well known resident of this city, passed quietly away at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home in the Morse block. Mr. Murphy had been ill with acute bronchitis for the past four weeks.

The deceased was born on April 8, 1864, to Michael and Mary Murphy of Rockland, Me. At the age of 10 he came with his parents to Barre to make his home. His early education was obtained in the city schools, and he was a student of the old academy. After leaving school he learned the granite cutting trade, which he followed for a number of years. For the past few years he has been connected with the Murphy & Weaver billiard parlors and bowling alleys.

Among the lodges of which he is a member are the Knights of Columbus, Order of Elks, and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Besides his wife he leaves one step-daughter, Mrs. C. H. Lawrence of Montpelier, one brother, James Murphy of Newport, and three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Coffin of Carney, N. J.; Mrs. Jennie McNulty, Miss Nellie Murphy of Newark, N. J.; Mrs. William Rielly and Mrs. John T. Averill of this city.

Funeral services will be held at St. Monica's church Friday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Father McKenna officiating.

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